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AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT EG

SUBJ: JANUARY RIOT TRIALS BEGIN

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR GENERAL QALYUBI HAS ISSUED BILL OF  
INDICTMENT AGAINST 297 PERSONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
ALEXANDRIA PORTION OF JANUARY 18-19 RIOTS. INDICTMENTS FOR  
OTHER GOVERNORATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN COMING DAYS AND  
CHARGES AGAINST "UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS" WILL  
BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK.

2. ALEXANDRIA INDICTMENT DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS: ACCUSATION  
OF CRIMINAL DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY AGAINST  
PERSONS OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE; SIMILAR CHARGES AGAINST JUVENILES  
BETWEEN AGES 14 AND 17; CHARGES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS FOR HIDING  
STOLEN PROPERTY. QALYUBI NOTED THAT CHARGES ARE PUNISHABLE BY  
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DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

3. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE NONE OF NAMES PUBLISHED TODAY.  
PRESUMABLY THE NOTORIOUS TROUBLEMAKERS, IF ANY, WILL APPEAR  
ON SUBSEQUENT "UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST" LIST.

4. IN VIEW OF REPEATED STRESS THAT SADAT HAS LAID ON SERIOUSNESS

OF PARTICIPATION IN RIOTS, DRAMATIZED BY EMERGENCY SECURITY  
MEASURES PASSED IN THEIR WAKE, EXPECT THAT AT LEAST SOME  
SEVERE SENTENCES WILL BE HANDED DOWN. THESE, HOWEVER, ARE  
LIKELY TO BE SELECTIVE AND CRIMES OF CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS  
WILL DOUBTLESSLY BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT TO PUBLIC SO AS TO  
AVOID APPEARANCE OF GOE REIGN OF TERROR.

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